

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1152

Introduced by Assembly Member Maldonado

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 12693.91 of the Insurance Code, relating to health care, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1152, as introduced, Maldonado. Health care: rural areas.

Existing law authorizes, until July 1, 2003, the State Department of Health Services, in conjunction with certain governmental agencies, to develop and administer under the Healthy Families Program up to 5 demonstration projects in rural areas that are likely to contain a significant level of uninsured children.

This bill would delete the termination date of these provisions and extend the authorization of the department to develop and administer the demonstration projects.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12693.91 of the Insurance Code is
2 amended to read:
3 12693.91. (a) The State Department of Health Services, in
4 conjunction with the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, the

County Medical Services Program board, and the Rural Health Policy Council, may develop and administer up to five demonstration projects in rural areas that are likely to contain a significant level of uninsured children, including seasonal and migratory worker dependents. In addition to any other funds provided pursuant to this section the grants for demonstration projects may include funds pursuant to subdivision (d).

(b) The purpose of the demonstration projects shall be to fund rural collaborative health care networks to alleviate unique problems of access to health care in rural areas.

(c) The State Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board and Rural Health Policy Council, shall establish the criteria and standards for eligibility to be used in requests for proposals or requests for application, the application review process, determining the maximum amount and number of grants to be awarded, preference and priority of projects, and compliance monitoring after receiving comment from the public.

(d) The grants may include funds for purchasing equipment, making capital expenditures, and providing infrastructure, including, but not limited to, salaries and payment of leaseholds. The funds under this subdivision may only be awarded to qualified eligible health care entities as determined by the State Department of Health Services. Title to any equipment or capital improvement purchased or acquired with grant funds shall vest in the grantee for the public good and not the state. Capital expenditures shall not include the acquisition of land. Notwithstanding subdivision (e), this subdivision shall be implemented only when funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act or another statute to fund the cost of implementing this subdivision.

(e) This section shall only become operative upon federal approval of the state plan or subsequent amendments for the program and approval of federal financial participation.

~~(f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2003.~~

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

1 In order to authorize the continuation of health care
2 demonstration projects in rural areas as soon as possible, it is
3 necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

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